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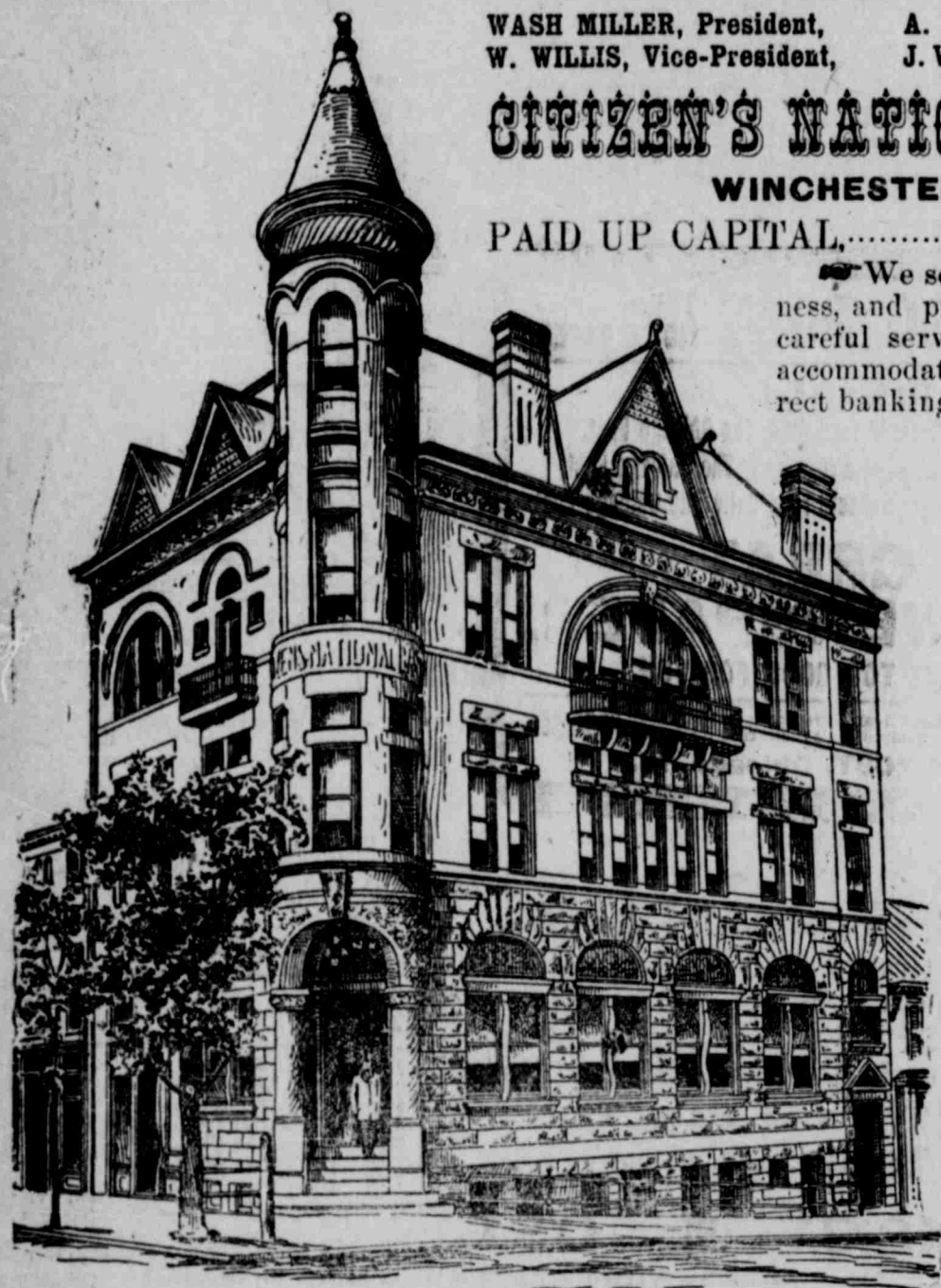
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MARVELOUS TO A DEGREE

Are the Lies and Falsifications of Governor Beckham's Pardon Record Manufactured By Republicans.

The Rabid Chicago Inter-Ocean Comes Out With a Lying Story Saying Jett Has Five Times Received Clemency.

From the Lexington Morning Democrat.

The following editorial from the Courier-Journal, of August 12th, shows to what extent the Republican party in Kentucky will go in their desperate efforts by lying and falsification of records in the matter of Gov. Beckham's pardon record to build up their hopeless and dishonest cause. The false statements in the Chicago Inter-Ocean, a rabid and vicious enemy of Kentucky and the South, about these matters is on a par with the misrepresentation and falsehoods published by the Republican organs of Kentucky:

Stupid Slander.
As illustrating the reckless methods by which the Republicans are trying to make partisan capital of the Marcum murder, a recent Cynthia letter to the Chicago Inter-Ocean is interesting. Here are sample gems from that contribution:

"The Governor has pardoned Jett so often on the request of Judge Hargis that it is thought he will do it again should he be convicted of this crime. But the defense will do all in its power to prevent a conviction to save the Governor from this embarrassment."

"Many pardons have been issued directly after the indictment. Curtis Jett, 17 years of age, has been pardoned eight times, and at least five of those pardons were issued before he was convicted."

"The process of trying a man and convicting him increased Judge Hargis's taxes and the taxes of many other citizens of Breathitt county. Judge Hargis, being a practical man, reasoned with himself that as the Governor had to pardon the man anyhow, it would be better to have a pardon before the man was convicted. Thus grew up a custom peculiar to Kentucky."

"Past events indicate that Jett and White, if they ever are convicted, will be pardoned by Gov. Beckham so many times before that the Governor can scarcely be inconsistent enough to refuse just one more pardon."

The one grain of truth in this sheaf of lies is that Gov. Beckham has pardoned Curtis Jett just once, and then James Marcum, whom Jett afterward assassinated, recommended the pardon.

Of course when such manufacturers of campaign material as this Inter-Ocean fictionist attempt to tell us what is going to happen they are anything but impressive. People who can not or will not tell the truth about what has already happened are not the people to whom we look to tell us what is going to happen. The assertion that Gov. Beckham is so subservient to Hargis that he will grant a pardon to Jett if convicted of Marcum's murder is so absurd that it would not be credited by even the most stupid of the Governor's enemies. He would have to be a fool as well as a knave to take such a course, and he is known in Kentucky, if not in Chicago, to be neither. If such a prediction as that here quoted were worth serious attention, it would be easy to discredit it by the record of Gov. Beckham in this case, for since his suggestion that Harais request the offering of a reward for Marcum's murderer, and his ignoring of Har-

gis's proposal that only \$250 be offered instead of which he offered the limit of the law, as he has shown that he is with the outraged people of this State, of all parties, in their desire to see the infamy of Hargis's rule in Breathitt broken and the assassins of Marcum brought to justice. His prompt detail of the militia, his suggestion to Judge Redwine that he should not try Jett and White at Jackson, with the other steps that he has taken in his limited authority in such cases, all give the lie to slanderers of the stripe of the Inter-Ocean's letter writer.

As a matter of fact Curtis Jett was pardoned by the Governor long before the Breathitt county troubles come up, on a jail sentence for a misdemeanor charge, after he had served a large part of his term, and J. B. Marcum was the chief petitioner for the pardon.

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